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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated June 24, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

1 20. (Amended) A method of promoting angiogenesis in ischemic tissue comprising the steps of:

- providing an implant,
- associating an angiogenic substance with the implant,
- accessing the ischemic tissue,
- inserting the implant into the tissue,
- orienting the implant in the tissue to place the tissue in stress by expanding the implant from a low profile first configuration to a large profile second configuration.

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